

Milwaukee County

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STATEMENT ON AFSCME APPROVAL OF TENTATIVE AGREEMENT

Board could vote next week on adopting new contract

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Board Chairman Lee Holloway and Supervisor Jim "Luigi" Schmitt, Chairman of the Board's Personnel Committee, released the following statement on AFSCME District County 48 voting to ratify the tentative agreement reached between the County and the Union last month:

"There was give-and-take on both sides during the negotiations and we're pleased the Union members have agreed to move forward. Taxpayers and employees will benefit from incentives associated with lower-cost health care plans. Approximately 120 facilities maintenance and security employees would have been laid off had we not reached this deal. This is a win-win for the residents of Milwaukee County and these employees. We're glad to begin 2007 on this positive note."

The County Board's Personnel Committee and Finance and Audit Committee will consider the contract at a joint meeting Tuesday. The full County Board anticipates a vote on the contract Thursday, February 1st at 9:30 a.m. in Room 200 of the Milwaukee County Courthouse.

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